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SUBJECT: NOUVEL OBSERVATEUR ON FRENCH-MOROCCAN MILITARY SUPPLY
RELATIONSHIP

1. ALGERIAN OFFICIAL MEDIA MARCH 8-9 FEATURE EXTRACTS
FROM ARTICLE IN LATEST NOUVEL OBSERVATEUR ON FRENCH ARMS
DELIVERIES TO MOROCCO. NOUVEL OBSERVATEUR CORRESPONDENT
FRANCOIS-HENRI DE VIRIEU QUOTED AS ASSERTING THAT NEW
DEAL, CODE NAMED "MARRAKECH PLAN," AND SUBSEQUENT
"MINI-CONTRACTS" WITH FRENCH FIRMS, GIVE LIE TO GOF
STATEMENTS THAT IT ONLY HONORING OLD AGREEMENTS. NEW
AGREEMENT, ARTICLE SAYS, PROVIDES MASSIVE ASSISTANCE
AIMED AT PREPARING MOROCCO FOR LONG CONFLICT.

2. OTHER HIGHLIGHTS OF ARTICLE:

A. SOME MIRAGES HAVE ALREADY BEEN DELIVERED TO
MOROCCO AND OTHERS ARE ON WAY. (ALTHOUGH NOT ENTIRELY
CLEAR, EXTRACTS FROM ARTICLE GIVE IMPRESSION THAT MIRAGES
REFERRED TO ARE F-15.)

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B. BECAUSE MOROCCAN TIME LIMIT SO SHORT, FRENCH

DEFENSE MINISTRY AUTHORIZED TAKING EQUIPMENT DIRECTLY
FROM FRENCH MILITARY STOCKS.

C. SOME MATERIEL BEING AIRLIFTED INTO MOROCCO.
DEFENSE MINISTER BOURGES SAID TO HAVE AUTHORIZED USE
OF BRICY AIR BASE NEAR ORLEANS FOR THIS PURPOSE.PARKER

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